

March 7, 2016

WIC Spring Meeting and Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative Update

The announcements of funding travel reimbursement for the conference were sent on March 1st, the lead local agency should have received an email from Chris. The good news is that the Breastfeeding Infrastructure grant funds will be able to fully cover the attendance of all WIC personnel to attend the conference! Contact Chris (<u>cfogelman@mt.gov</u>) if someone was not included on your list or plans have changed.

Please be sure to register here. If you have not reserved your room at Fairmont, please do so by March 15th. We have had a request to release some of the rooms in our block to non-WIC or non-NAPA attendees, and we want to assure that all WIC personnel are able to book their rooms before we release any. Call 406-797-3241 or 1-800-332-3272 and say you are in the WIC Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative block of rooms.

Montana Association of WIC Agencies (MAWA) Announcements

MAWA will be holding a General Meeting during the Spring Conference at Fairmont Hot Springs and has some announcements to share. Information on paying dues, a mini-grant opportunity, and a call for WIC Outstanding Employee nominations is available here. Please contact Gayle or Arwyn for more information.

Local Agency Conference Call

Our next call is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 9:00am, please plan to attend. Please contact Kate to add an item for discussion or training topic to the agenda.

National Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month! The theme this year is "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right", you can refer to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics <u>website</u> for ideas to promote the theme, print handouts and other information.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

Risk Code 902, Woman or Infant/Child of Primary Caregiver with Limited Ability to Make Feeding Decisions and/or Prepare Food is defined as a woman (pregnant, breastfeeding, or non-breastfeeding), or infant/child whose primary caregiver is assessed to have limited ability to make appropriate feeding decisions and/or prepare food.

Some examples of when this code could be used include individuals who are: ≤ 17 years of age; mentally disabled/delayed and/or have a mental illness such as clinical depression (diagnosed by a physician or license psychologist); physically disabled to a degree which restricts or limits food preparation abilities; or currently using or having a history of abusing alcohol or other drugs.

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